

LATEST IRISH NEWS.

From The Pilot.

The Rev. Fr. James Edmund O'Neill, a beloved and well-known educator, died at the Christian Brothers' residence, Carlow, on April 9.

Clare. Intelligence has been received from Sydney, Australia, of the death of Mr. Michael White, P. P. V. G., of Nenagh, Tipperary. He was a native of Tuam, and during his illness was attended by Dr. Flynn, also a Tuam man, who enjoys considerable distinction as a practitioner in Sydney.

Kerry. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Magan, the able and beloved Bishop of Kerry, left Killarney on April 11, for Rossari on his first visit to Rome since his consecration. He appeared in excellent health, and was seen off by the Rev. M. Fuller, the Rev. D. Brown and the Rev. P. J. Marshall. He will be absent from Killarney for a period of six weeks.

Mayo. Died, on April 11, at Gardenfield, Hollymount, Murtagh Farragher, assistant county surveyor, and father of Rev. Murtagh Farragher, Aran Isles, aged 82 years, to the inexpressible grief of his wife and family, and deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends, greeted by a very large circle of friends.

Meath. The Very Rev. Philip Graydon Tibbs, D. D., Protestant Dean of Clonfert and Kilmaclough, died at his late residence, Glinetto Great, Summerhill, on April 8. He was formerly Rector of Ballinshogue. The late dean was deeply respected, not only by his own co-religionists, but people of every other persuasion. In Ballinshogue and neighborhood, where the late clergyman resided twenty-one years, his death will be much regretted. Mr. Maurice Spring, of Rathmore House, Athboy, died on April 8. He had attained a ripe old age, and was for many years a member of the Trim Board of Guardians and Rural District Council. He was also president of the Rathmore branch of the United Irish League, and an earnest and able Nationalist. Mr. Spring was unmarried and was both a non-smoker and a life abstainer, having as a young man taken the Father Mathew pledge.

Kilkenny. The Rev. Patrick J. Byrne, a native of Castlewarren, a graduate of St. Keenan's college, Kilkenny City, and a beloved priest and missionary, died at his late residence, St. Joseph's, Rathgar road, Dublin, on April 8, aged 67. He had been an invalid for a number of years.

Sligo. On April 2, at the Convent of Mercy, St. Patrick's, Sligo, Florence Nora, in religion Sister Mary Joseph, second daughter of Mr. William Higinbotham of Palmerstown, County Dublin, had the great happiness of being professed a Sister of Mercy by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Clancy, bishop of Elphin.

Tipperary. Mr. Thomas J. Walsh of the Munster and Lister bank, son of Mr. H. J. Walsh, ex-district inspector of Dublin, was married to Josephine Gubbins, daughter of the Very Rev. Canon McMahon, at St. Mary's of the Rosary, Nenagh, on April 8.

Tyne. At the beautiful church of St. Patrick's Convent of Mercy, Sligo, on April 2, the impressive ceremony of the taking of the habit was witnessed. Among the postulants received was Miss Marion McCrossan, in religion Sister Celestine, eldest daughter of Mr. Bernard McCrossan, Strabane. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, lord bishop of Elphin, the parents and relatives of the newly-resolved nuns were hospitably entertained at luncheon by the Rev. Superiores. The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy presided, and among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. McCrossan, Strabane.

Wexford. Mrs. Mary Kelly, mother of the Rev. James Kelly, D. Ph., S. P. C., and sister-in-law of the Most Rev. Archbishop Kelly of Sydney, Australia, died at her late residence, Cross Lane, New Ross, on April 11, aged 86.

THE GLENS OF CLARE. God made the winding glens of Clare; God blessed the smiling glens of Clare; And virgins fair And monks of prayer Hallowed the lovely glens of Clare.

God bless those glens so soft and green; With many a brook and brake between; And sloping down The broken brown Purple the lovely glens, I ween.

God bless the guardian hillsides bare And all the ivied strongholds there; Where sword in hand, For Faith and Land, Dominican did what man may dare.

God bless those dells so quaint and rare, And every homestead of dwelling there; The peasants' cot Is the dearest spot; God bless its lot In "bannered" Clare.

God bless those gentle landways thro', Where harriets sing and ringdoves too And noon-life's beam, And evening's gleam; Linger, like me, to say adieu.

God made the lovely glens of Clare; God blessed the lovely glens of Clare; And virgins fair, And saints at prayer, Hallow still yet the glens of Clare. —R. O. K., in Irish Monthly.

A lawyer once pleaded with great ability the cause of his client for nearly an hour. When he had finished, his learned friend on the other side, with a supercilious sneer, remarked that he did not understand a word that the other had said. "I believe it, for I was expounding the law," said the first speaker.

"AN EXILE'S FAREWELL."

Farewell! I must cross o'er the foaming Atlantic, On the shores of the stranger an exile to roam; Far away from the mountains, the glens and the valleys, Of the sweet County Leitrim, my own native home. Where the lordly bright Shannon, the prince of our rivers, Rolls rippling along by the woodland and lea.

After forming the lakes of Bodeg and Boffin, It smiles and rolls onward to join with the sea. Farewell to the shores of the mighty Lake Allen, Your waters reflecting that heavenly blue; While the mountains arise like bright spears in the distance, A scene for the tourist most charming to view. The great Slieve-an-Iron, so tall and majestic; With famed Lugnaculligan, Glen-Carne and Doon; And weid Mullachusk, lofty Benbo and Lacks, So often resounding with sweet fairy tune.

Farewell, Craveva, vale of song and of story, By the bright River Bonnet, so calm and so pure; In his lyric, "The valley lay smiling before me." Your fame is revealed by the talented Moore. But, alas! time has altered your state-ly appearance. The Halls of O'Rourke, they are vanished and gone; Ah! where is the broad-sword of brave Brian-na-Murtach, That so oft told defiance to oppression and wrong.

Farewell to those heroes with keen battle-axes, That were led by the "Tiberna" to many a fray; They sleep in their graves, lonely, sad, and forsaken, By the banks of the Bonnet, in sweet Creeveva. The harp is now silent, the minstrel has vanished; The halls that re-echoed its music are still; The chieftain is gone, by cursed tyranny banished. For his throne on the beautiful banks of Lough Gill.

Farewell, dearest Leitrim, the scene of my childhood, The birthplace of Ollaves and chieftains of yore; Farewell to your landscapes, your glens and your wildwoods, While an exile I roam on a far foreign shore. I shall long for the day when I'll homeward be turning, No longer to wander afar o'er the seas. Till my friends leave me low in the grave of my fathers, By the old abbey ruins in the cluster of trees. —Phillip McGowan, H. M., Aughoo, Ballinamore.

IRISH OPTIMISM.

The Kelt sees things through rose colored glasses. The Irishman sees everything through rose colored glasses, says a writer in the Gaidhean. He is supported, too, by a simple, sturdy faith, a spirit of resignation and unworldliness worthy of the saints of old.

The dread blight had fallen on the fields in most of the district, where we were visiting in Ireland, and the potato vines hung limp and brown. No word of complaint was spoken, and when the likelihood of famine was mentioned, the answer came, "Danger, ma'am? Yes, there is indeed, but God is good, He'll find a way." So, too, about the hay. The summer had been terribly wet, and for days the new-mown hay had lain on the ground. It was an anxious time. "What will you do?" I said to Mike. "If this weather keeps up? Your hay will surely be ruined." "Oh, please God, it won't keep up," he answered. "He'll send us a bright day soon, just to see how well we'll use it."

"What a glorious night, Mikey!" I said to the boy, as he and I and the donkey drove home under the August moon. "A fine night, indeed, ma'am. Thanks be to God for giving it to us." They showed us, on the road to Larn, a gentleman's place, where, in a stretch of what not long since had evidently been thickly wooded land, stood stumps after stumps of giant trees. Four or five years ago, when the winter was exceptionally long and cold, the peasants suffered from scarcity of peat. They begged this landed proprietor to sell them wood, offering not only to pay his price, but to fell the trees and carry them off. He refused. Again and again they begged, for the suffering grew intense, but he would not let his land be marred. One night there came a wind so frightful that it seemed for a time as if the "big wind" were blowing again. In the morning the highway along this proprietor's domain was impassable. Huge trees, blown to the ground, lay across the road for a distance of ten miles, and the forest beauty was a thing of the past. The town authorities ordered the obstruction cleared away, and the peasants got for nothing more than they had been offered for pay. "Twas the hand of God was in that, ma'am," I was told, "for, with all the wind, not a poor man's cot was harmed, nor another tree on the countryside, only those. God always looks after His poor."

LISDOONVARNA.

Softly low like hen of dreams, Came lullabies from Irish streams. As over bog and moorland far, In lazy lurch of jaunty car I smelled the salt sea's snoring whiffs, And heard the soothing song of cliffs. By restless lines of broad deep lagoons, Dawn's step is bright on tinted mountains. Through sun-bright hills, the bird-sweet rills Chase merrily from Uin's fontaines. The fairy touch is everywhere At Lisdoonvarna in happy Clare.

Lisdoonvarna in happy Clare, Restful spot whose skies are fair; On moor and more serene and clear A rich soft day is streaming here; Miananin shouts from sun-scoured rocks To wind-robed maids who herd his flocks.

Deep emerald steeps of fields and trees Which shun the smut of industries, A restfulness of wind and peak, Say: God is here, beloved speak. Tired heart, come rest and bury care At Lisdoonvarna in happy Clare. —Lawrence McDonald Sarsfield.

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